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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR MR. HERTES JOHN

MR. THEODORE MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MICRONESIAN  
LEGAL SERVICES, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED  
TO MR. HERTES JOHN, MAGISTRATE OF ENEWETAK, FOR HIS REVIEW IN  
PREPARATION FOR A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. MITCHELL IN THE NEAR FUTURE:  
"APRIL 27, 1979

FROM: DISTAD MAJURO MARSHALL ISLANDS

TO: SEC. STATE. PASS TO DOTA DOI AND OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN  
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS (OMSN) RECENT WORLD WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE  
OF THREE MILE ISLANDS NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT  
CONCERN OF WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
AFFECTED RESIDENTS HAS ONCE AGAIN FOCUSED ATTENTION OF MARSHALLESE  
VICTIMS OF NUCLEAR TESTING ON CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MEDICAL  
AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO

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AMERICAN NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE MARSHALLS. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED  
TO URGE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BEAR ON THE WELFARE  
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS AFFECTED BY THE TESTS. IN ADDITION  
TO A FULL REPORT ON THE RECENTLY CONDUCTED NORTHERN MARSHALLS  
RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY, WE WISH TO REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE  
BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO THE MAY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL  
MEETING:

1. WHY WERE THE PEOPLE OF LIKIEP LEFT OUT OF RADIOLOGICAL  
AND MEDICAL SURVEYS IN SPITE OF ALARMING INCREASE IN OCCURRENCE  
OF THYROID ILLNESSES AND OTHER CANCER CASES?

2. EXACTLY WHAT WAS MEANT BY REFERRAL OF DR. CONRAD'S TEAM  
TO "NATURALLY HIGH INCIDENCE OF GOITER AMONGST DESCENDANTS OF  
EARLY EUROPEAN SETTLERS IN THE NORTHERN MARSHALLS" IN CONNECTION  
WITH POTENTIAL LIKIEP VICTIMS?

3. ARTICLE IN HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN AND ADVERTISER  
BY BILL (WASHINGTON POST SERVICE) ALLEGES COVERUP OF AEC  
STUDIES ON THYROID CANCER AND LEUKEMIA LINKAGE TO EXPOSURE. HOW  
WERE THE MARSHALLS AFFECTED BY SUCH COVERUPS AND DOCUMENTS  
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY MARSHALLESE COUNSEL?

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4. WILL THE UNITED STATES OBJECT TO THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF AFFECTED NORTHERN MARSHALLS RESIDENTS AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF NORTHERN MARSHALL RADIATION SURVEY?

5. WILL THE UNITED STATES ONCE AND FOR ALL SETTLE THE CONTINUING DEBATES FOR BIKINI AS TO ITS SAFETY. ONCE IT WAS DECLARED SAFE, RESIDENTS WERE MOVED BACK, ONLY TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY RELOCATED DUE TO HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION. NOW REPORTS INDICATE ENEU MAY BE SAFE FOR HABITATION ONCE AGAIN REKINDLING HOPE OF REPATRIATION WITHIN THE EXILED POPULATION. WHEN WILL THIS END?

6. IN VIEW OF NEW FINDINGS AND RENEWED FEARS, SHOULD THE ENTIRE ENEUETAK SITUATION BE REVIEWED? COULD WE BE UNWITINGLY LEADING AN UNSUSPECTING COMMUNITY TO NUCLEAR DOOM? FURTHER, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND THE HIGHEST DOE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE CLEAN-UP, SURVEYS, ONGOING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, ETC. BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARSHALLESE DELEGATION TO NEW YORK DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 13. ANY OTHER PERSON FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO MAY

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BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE PROBLEMS IS ALSO RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE TALKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THIS CONFERENCE. MARSHALL ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION SENDS."

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